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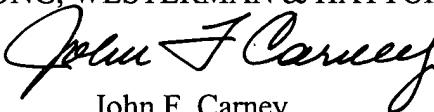
Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated April 17, 2003 for the additional third month from September 17, 2003 to October 17, 2003.

Attached please find a check in the amount of \$540.00 to cover the cost of the extension for a large entity. In the event that any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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